

Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church (online edition)

March 22, 2020

Welcome to this new way of gathering together! While we cannot be physically present with one another, we know that as we gather in God's name, Christ is truly present.

Each Sunday, we will gather at 9:30am via Facebook Live (will later be posted on our YouTube page and our website). You may join us live (and comment below the feed) or worship at whatever time works best for you.

Listed here is the basic order of worship so that you are able to follow along. We have included links to the hymns picked by Franklyn that you may either listen to now or later. I will sing the first verse of each hymn which are printed in the order of worship if you would like to sing along.

Congregational responses are in bold, which I will still read, but invite you to read aloud wherever you may be worshipping. Though I cannot hear you, we know that we are speaking for God's ears and attention.

At the end of this document, you will find additional links for other service opportunities and brief announcements.

Setting up: Set aside some sacred space where you are to worship and prayer. Light a candle (or more), set out your Bible and/or a cross. Spend a few moments in silence before you begin.

Welcome

You are invited to comment below the video if there are particular prayers that you would like to lift up and have others pray about during the week.

Preparing ourselves for worship

We gather in various places

Separated by space, but gathered in the Spirit

We gather in these moments,

bringing our joys and challenges

Our hearts and minds overwhelmed

Filled with much uncertainty

We come to lay before you, O Lord

Our whole lives, our whole selves

Naming our hurts and anger

Lamenting our frustrations, anxieties and tears

Offering up all that we are

Giving ourselves fully into your care

We gather together in this new kind of Lenten journey

That we may never lack your grace

We pause in these gathering moments to confess our sins before God and one another, naming all those times we have turned elsewhere to find life and yet found all else to be lacking. We take a breath to remember that only one thing is necessary – you, the Lord our God.

Pause for silence and reflection.

Merciful God, **Forgive us, for we have fallen short of your vision for humanity. We have put ourselves before others, ignored the vulnerable, and forgotten you altogether. We have missed the point of your kingdom. Have mercy on us, for Jesus' sake, amen.**

Children, God has not forgotten us. Jesus knows our weakness and sees through our pretense. Christ knows our suffering and our trials. You are made whole through the mercy and forgiveness given through Jesus Christ. . Receive the Lord's everlasting grace and believe that it is most certainly true this day and always in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Gathering hymn: *Brightest and Best of the stars* (ELW 303)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x-jWxb7YksI>

Verse #1

*Brightest and vest of the stars of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid.
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant redeemer is laid.*

Prayer of the Day

O Lord, **Your greatest command to love can also be most difficult. Give us the same heart as you have for the world and everything in it, that we might be the living presence of your love. In Jesus' name, amen.**

Readings:

Psalm 89:1-4

I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, for ever;
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.
I declare that your steadfast love is established for ever;
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

You said, 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to my servant David:
'I will establish your descendants for ever,
and build your throne for all generations.' '

Word of God, Word of life **Thanks be to God!**

Mark 12:28-44

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 12th chapter **Glory to you, O Lord**

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' Jesus answered, 'The first is, "**Hear,**

O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.” The second is this, **“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”** There is no other commandment greater than these.’ Then the scribe said to him, ‘You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that “he is one, and besides him there is no other”; and “to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength”, and “to love one’s neighbor as oneself”,—this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.’ When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, ‘You are not far from the kingdom of God.’ After that no one dared to ask him any question.

While Jesus was teaching in the temple, he said, ‘How can the scribes say that the Messiah is the son of David? David himself, by the Holy Spirit, declared, “The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet.’ ” David himself calls him Lord; so how can he be his son?’ And the large crowd was listening to him with delight.

As he taught, he said, ‘Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.’

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but **she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.**’

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* ELW 733
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dTKlqmdfHsk>

Verse #1

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
As thou had been, thou forever wilt be*

*Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

(In this time of prayer, I will lift up prayers for those things that are listed below. You are invited to share in the comments, in your own gatherings and in your thoughts additional prayers)

We pause in this time of prayer and humbly place before you all that is in our hearts and minds as we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need

A brief silence.

For our Church....Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our Prayer**

For our communities and our leaders.....Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our Prayer**

For all those in the medical, and caring professions, fire, police and other service professionalsLord, in your mercy. **Hear our Prayer**

For those unable to work....Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our Prayer**

For those who are isolated....Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our Prayer**

For those who are homeless, hungry, or without access to medical help....Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our Prayer**

For the sick, hospitalized, suffering....Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our Prayer**

For those who have no one to name them....Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our Prayer**

Silence for additional prayers

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting always in your mercy and compassion given us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sharing the Peace

The Peace of the Christ be with you always **And also with you**

(you are invited to share the peace with those who are with you, by commenting below as well as by calling or sending a message later to someone)

Offering *(You are invited to listen to this song as our “anthem” for this week. You are also encouraged to continue to share your offering with Trinity be mailing them to the church office or by donating online via our website: www.trinitybrewsterny.org)*

Anthem: “Do not be afraid” (Christopher Williams)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xABxqLfHA-l>

Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Sending Hymn *I Love to Tell the Story* ELW 661

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gLuOz0g8rOA>

Verse #1

*I love to tell the story of unseen things above.
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know its true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do*

*Refrain: I love to tell the story; twill by my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

Dismissal

Go, in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God!**

Music Notes: John Guest (d.1907) was a British composer and publisher once popular for his cantata “The Lion of Judah.” He may have been a descendant of a dynasty of composers in the 18th century.

George Guest (1771-1831) was an English organist. Guest was the son of Ralph Guest, who was born at Broseley in Shropshire, settled at Bury St. Edmunds in 1768, was organist of St. Mary’s church there from 1805 to 1822, and he is said to have published some glees and songs. George Guest was born in 1771 at Bury St. Edmunds. He was chorister of the Chapels Royal, and may have been the “Master Guest” who was one of the principal singers (in Messiah and miscellaneous concerts) for the Hereford musical

festival of 1783. Guest was organist at Eye, Suffolk, in 1787, and at St. Peter's, Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, from 1789 to 1831. He died at Wisbech on 11 September 1831, after a long and severe illness, aged 60. He was the composer of four fugues and sixteen voluntaries for the organ; hymns, glees, and songs. It is probable that John Guest (fl. 1795), music master of Bury, and Jane Mary Guest (fl. 1780), afterwards Mrs. Miles, pianist, composer, and instructor of the Princess Charlotte of Wales, were relatives.

Additional Resources

www.mnys.org The Bishop's office will be offering weekly worship opportunities as well.

www.elca.org Stay up to date on how the Church continues to serve across the country